(iv) The project must be drawn up on innovative lines emphasizing people's participation, improvement of quality and equality of education and a substantial upgradation of facilities.

Priority will generally be given to educationally backward States in the matter of external funding for basic education.

[*English*]

Directorates for Ayurved and Unani Systems of Medicines

*387. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up National Directorates for Ayurved and Unani Systems of Medicines; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) No such proposal is under consideration at present

(b) Does not arise.

Involvement of Voluntary Agencies in Forests and Sanctuaries

*388. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to involve voluntary agencies in evaluation and monitoring of Sultanpur bird sanctuary;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to involve such agencies for the upkeep of all the forests, sanctuaries and national parks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (d). Evaluation and/or monitoring of specific Central sector and Centrally sponsored schemes/projects is normally built into the schemes/projects themselves. However, in keeping with the overall objective of ensuring voluntary monitoring, the State Governments have been asked to publicise their plantation projects so that they could get a feed-back on the work done from the people residing in and around the project areas.

The National Forest Policy, 1988, envisages people's involvement in the Development and protection of forests. In keeping with this policy, the Central Government have asked the State Governments to draw up a specific schemes for involving the people in afforestation and protection of degraded forests on a usufruct sharing basis. Government of India recognise that committed voluntary agencies/non-government organisations(NGOs) with proven track/records, may prove particularly well suited for motivating and organising village communities for protection, afforestation and development of degraded forest land, especially in the vicinity of habitations. The guidelines issued in June, 1990, advise the State Governments to take full advantage of the expertise and experience of such organisations in this respect for building up meaningful people's participation in the protection and development of degraded forest lands. In addition wherever evaluation of specific wildlife projects is considered necessary, non-governmental organisations/voluntary agencies having the requisite expertise are considered for assignment of the task. No